IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 37, 38 and 40-49 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add Claims 53-58 as follows.

1 - 52.   (Cancelled)

53.   (New) A print control apparatus for causing a printing unit to print an image on a printing sheet based on image data supplied from an image supply device, the apparatus comprising:

a reception unit that receives a job from the image supply device, wherein the job describes a maximum number of layout images that are laid out on a sheet and information for specifying image data to be printed;

a job analysis unit that analyzes the job received from the image supply device to determine a number of images of JPEG format and a number of images to be overlaid on an image of JPEG format designated in the job; and

a control unit that (i) controls the printing unit to print the image data to be printed by overlaying the image data when (a) the number of images of JPEG format is less than the maximum number of the layout images and (b) the number of images to be overlaid on the image of JPEG format is less than a predetermined number, and (ii) controls the printing unit to print the image data to be printed without overlaying the image data when (a) the number of images of

JPEG format is not less than the maximum number of the layout images or (b) the number of images to be overlaid on the image of JPEG format is not less than the predetermined number.

54.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 53, wherein the format of the number of images to be overlaid is a PNG format.

55.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 53, further comprising a setting unit that sets an overlaying order of images printed on a sheet in accordance with an order of images designated in the job.

56.   (New) A method of controlling a print control apparatus for causing a printing unit to print an image on a printing sheet based on image data supplied from an image supply device, the method comprising:

receiving a job from the image supply device, wherein the job describes a maximum number of layout images that are laid out on a sheet and information for specifying image data to be printed;

analyzing the job received from the image supply device to determine a number of images of JPEG format and a number of images to be overlaid on an image of JPEG format designated in the job;

controlling the printing unit to print the image data to be printed by overlaying the image data when (a) the number of images of JPEG format is less than the maximum number of

the layout images and (b) the number of images to be overlaid on an image of JPEG format is

less than a predetermined number, and

controlling the printing unit to print the image data to be printed without overlaying

the image data when (a) the number of images of JPEG format is not less than the maximum

number of the layout images or (b) the number of images to be overlaid on an image of JPEG

format is not less than the predetermined number.

57.   (New) A method according to claim 56, wherein the format of the

number of images is a PNG format.

58.   (New) A method according to claim 56, further comprising a step of

setting an overlaying order of images printed on a sheet in accordance with an order of images

designated in the job.